Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—I have not seen it personally but my Assistant has seen it. This answer was supplied three months ago.

Dr. A. R. Menon—Is the Government of opinion that there is considerable scarcity of water in that locality?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—Government are thinking about it.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Will they do anything in the near future?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon—Certainly.

Foot-path from Narakkal to Manjanakad—closing of.

418. Mr. George Parakkal.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they are aware of the fact that the present foot-path that leads to the Manjanakad Jetty from Narakkal is closed by a private party;

(b) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, what action the Government has taken in the matter?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Action is being taken to get the necessary lands acquired.

Panchayat Vaidyasalas—Honorary Physician visitor.

419. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the office of the Honorary Physician visitor to the Panchayat Vaidyasalas is still maintained;

(b) what does the Government spend on this behalf every year?

Dr. E. S. R. Menon.—(a) No. The inspection work of the Panchayat Vaidyasalas has been transferred to the Superintendent, Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital.

(b) Government used to give Rs. 200 as honorarium per year besides travelling allowance under ordinary rules and petty office expenses to the Honorary Supervisor. The Superintendent, Rama Varma Central Ayurvedic Hospital, will be given regular travelling allowance for the inspection work.

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